

ISABELLA V. JETT.

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JANUARY 14, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BLACK, of Georgia, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1388.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1388) granting a pension to Mrs. Isabella V. Jett, have considered the same and report as follows:

Mrs. Jett is the widowed daughter of Maj. John Roberts, of Virginia troops in the Revolutionary war. He was appointed captain of the Virginia Convention Guards on the 11th of January, 1779, promoted to major March 5, 1779, and retired May 1, 1781. He died November 30, 1843, leaving a widow, who received a pension on account of his services, and she died about 1863.

Mrs. Jett, the daughter and the beneficiary under this act, is now over 70 years old, without property or income, but entirely dependent for support upon others not legally bound to care for her in her old age.

The facts as to the claimant's age and dependence and her relationship to the soldier are vouched for by the gentleman who introduced the bill in the House.

Her post-office address is Washington, Rappahannock County, Va. A similar bill was unanimously reported to the House by your committee in the Fifty-third Congress, but had not been reached for action when that Congress adjourned.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended with an amendment changing the title so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Mrs. Isabella V. Jett."